



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 20-3295, **Agenda Item #:** 32.

11/12/2020

### **Posting Language**

Authorize award of a multi-term contract with Techline Inc., for vacuum interrupter switches, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,518,000.

(Note: This solicitation was reviewed for subcontracting opportunities in accordance with City Code Chapter 2-9D, Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program. For the goods required for this solicitation, there were no subcontracting opportunities; therefore, no subcontracting goals were established).

### **Lead Department**

Purchasing Office.

### **Client Department(s)**

Austin Energy.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding in the amount of \$644,966 is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

### **Purchasing Language:**

The Purchasing Office issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) 1100 MEA1017 for these goods. The solicitation issued on July 7, 2020 and it closed on August 11, 2020. Of the two offers received, the recommended contractor submitted the lowest responsive offer. A complete solicitation package, including a tabulation of the bids received, is available for viewing on the City's Financial Services website, Austin Finance Online. Link: [Solicitation Documents](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134402)  
<[https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account\\_services/solicitation/solicitation\\_details.cfm?sid=134402](https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/account_services/solicitation/solicitation_details.cfm?sid=134402)>.

### **For More Information:**

Inquiries should be directed to the City Manager's Agenda Office, at 512-974-2991 or

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NOTE: Respondents to this solicitation, and their representatives, shall continue to direct inquiries to the solicitation's Authorized Contact Person: Maria Andrade, at 512-972-9424 or [maria.andrade@austintexas.gov](mailto:maria.andrade@austintexas.gov) <<mailto:maria.andrade@austintexas.gov>>.

### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

October 12, 2020 - Recommended unanimously by the Electric Utility Commission on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioner Hadden off the dais and Commissioners Funkhouser, Stone and Wray absent.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

The contract will provide vacuum interrupter switches for Austin Energy's network operations. Vacuum

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interrupter switches sense faults in the network, allowing the switches to safely open and disconnect energized equipment inside the electrical service vault. The switches create a safe work environment for maintenance crews performing repairs on de-energized equipment. These switches are used throughout the Austin Energy network vault protection system to prevent equipment damage.

This contract will replace the previous contract which expired on October 18, 2020.

**Contract Detail:**

<b><u>Contract Term</u></b>	<b><u>Length of Term</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Authorization</u></b>
Initial Term	2 yrs.	\$1,407,200
Optional Extension 1	1 yr.	\$ 703,600
Optional Extension 2	1 yr.	\$ 703,600
Optional Extension 3	1 yr.	\$ 703,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 yrs.</b>	<b>\$3,518,000</b>

**Note:** Contract Authorization amounts are based on the City's estimated annual usage.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Government that Works for All.